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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
TAKESHI MIYAKAWA ET AL : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION
SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLN :
(Based on PCT/JP00/08931)
FILED HERewith :
FOR: SHEET FOR AN EMBOSSED
CARRIER TAPE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20521

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown in the marked-up copy following this amendment to read as follows.

6. (Amended) The sheet according to Claim 1, which uses a thermoplastic resin.

8. (Amended) An embossed carrier tape which comprises the sheet as defined in

Claim 1.

Please add the following new claim.

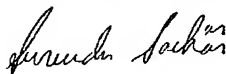
9. (New) An embossed carrier tape which comprises the sheet as defined in Claim 7.

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are active in the present application. Claims 6 and 8 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies. Claim 9 is a new claim. Support for the new claim is found in the original claims. No new matter is added. An action on the merits and allowance of claims is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE CLAIMS

--6. (Amended) The sheet according to [any of Claims 1 to 5] Claim 1, which uses a thermoplastic resin.

8. (Amended) An embossed carrier tape which comprises the sheet as defined in [any one of Claims 1 to 7] Claim 1.

9. (New).--